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domestic and foreign trade in Shanghai

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during September 1949;

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1. Foreign Trade

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a. Staple materials exported included tung oil, bristles, tea, and Chinese drugs, for a total value of over US \$2,500,000, £ 17,000, and HK \$2,600,000.

b. Imports included raw materials, paper, drugs, coconut oil, diesel oil, printed matter, and other items, a total of 2,021, 658 kilograms. Specific tonnages were available (in kilograms) on the following:

Caustic soda	344,995
Raw cotton	1,063,951
Wool	10,039
Raw materials for chemical industries	16,750
Raw rubber	105,721
Machinery	83,179

2. Domestic Trade: Imports

a. Received through Woosung Harbor were the following:

Rice	7,791 piculs	Pigs	108,672 head
Table salt	13,894	Cattle and sheep	4,833
Sugar products	3,313	Chickens and ducks	11,810
Marine products	40,174		
Firewood	35,321		

b. Other imports to Shanghai arrived on the Hu Ning (沪甯 /Shanghai-Hanking) and Hu Hang (沪杭 /Shanghai-Hangchow) railroads:

Cattle	3,382 head
Rice and wheat	30,405 metric tons
Soy beans	2,895 metric tons
Cement, flour, edible oil, cotton	1,000 metric tons (approximate total)

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3. Domestic Trade: Exports

a. Materials sent from Shanghai to other parts of China through Woosung Harbor included:

Cotton yarn	325 packages	Corn	3,430 piculs
Cotton cloth	1,562 p'i* ²	Flour	35,266 22-kg. bags
Insulated wire (cloth wound)	6,700 kilograms	Bean cake	11,536 piculs
Kerosene	6,332 5-gallon cans	Cigarettes	1,011 cases
		Soap	725 cases

b. Shipments to other parts of China on the Hu Ning and Hu Hang railroads include the following:

Cotton yarn and manufactured goods	6,864 metric tons
Sugar	2,022 metric tons
Flour	2,750 metric tons

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Comment: One p'i (尺) equals 42 yards.

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